



DIRECTORATE OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

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Director
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In 1995, the Center for Medical Illustrations and the Automation Management Services Division merged to form the basis of the Directorate of Information Management under the leadership of LTC Vernon L. Groeber. The directorate's mission is to provide an information infrastructure to the Institute. This infrastructure includes, but not limited to, photographic services, automation services, medical illustration services, exhibit and construction, plus records and forms management. This effort reflects the Army structure of information management. In September 1995, Ms. Bonnie Short assumed the position of records and forms manager.

AUTOMATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIVISION:

The Automation Management Services Division has seen several changes since 1 January 1995. New additions to the staff include LT Rick McCarthy, MSC, USN, Chief, and one contract employee, Joseph Melkovitz, who help us support computer repairs and network management, respectively.

Ongoing projects include the development of the Pathology Information Management System (PIMS) to replace our aging PACAMS systems used in accessioning; implementation of World Wide Web access for all departments; and upgrading of our network system infrastructure.

VISUAL INFORMATION DIVISION:

Work requests (9,100) for photographic services in 1995 were up approximately 7 percent compared to 1994 totals. Production was lessened during this period due to budget constraints imposed upon Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the elimination of the Fort Meade Dental program. AFIP production overall was up over last year's totals.

During FY 1995, the Photographic Division, the Scientific Illustrations Division, and the Medical Illustration Division were organized into the Visual Information Division and assigned to the Information Management Directorate. All previous divisions under the new Visual Information Division were renamed as specific branches of the division.

During FY 1995, major state-of-the-art equipment was put in service in all working sections of Visual Information Division. Major inroads were made in the conversation of manual photo processes and illustration services to digital processes.

The Digital Media and Illustration Section (DMIS) of AFIP designed medical exhibits that were shown at numerous medical conventions last year. Over 100 poster sessions were completed for the staffs of AFIP and Walter Reed Army Medical Center. In addition, medical illustrations, court illustrations, slide shows, brochures, posters, and certificates were completed on over 440 work orders.

The Photography Lab of the Visual Information Division acquired and replaced a record amount of equipment during the year. These changes have had a positive impact on the overall operation and production of the lab, keeping pace with state-of-the art processes and stepping into the future through digital imaging. New equipment that was installed and is now operational includes: the Interclone Series II negative/slide duping system, an Esecos Speedmaster C-41 (color negative) processor, an Ilford 2650 black-and-white print processor, a Noritsu 1501 color mini-labstation, and

the most innovative of all, the Pictrostat 300 instant digital color print system. These equipment additions and replacements result in a better method of producing color internegatives, the continuance of the reproduction of high quality black and white prints for publication, faster turn-around for high-quality consistently color-corrected prints, and same-day proofing service through digital imaging.

ILLUSTRATION LIBRARY DIVISION:

The Illustration Library Division received and filed 21,522 medical illustrations on 4,068 new cases and withdrew 2,613 illustrations upon requests for the AFIP staff. There were 12,824 coded medical illustration cases. Medical information was diatyped on 63,109 35mm slides. Thirty work orders were processed for outside requestors.

EXHIBIT PRODUCTION DIVISION (EPD):

During this reporting period, the Exhibit Production Division designed and produced 5 new exhibits. In addition, EPD installed 8 new exhibits and maintained and retrofitted numerous exhibits in the National Museum of Health and Medicine. EPD produced 235 unique construction projects in support of the AFIP, WRAMC and other outside authorized agencies. Based on customer requests, the EPD completed 156 commercial services contracts for exhibit displays. Exhibits were presented at 45 convention sites throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. Exhibit displays for military components were as follows: Department of the Army (40), Department of Navy (5), United States Air Force (2), Assistant Secretary of Defense (1), OTSG (1), and the AFIP (6), totalling 55 exhibits for FY 95.

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